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ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st 1968

To the Chairman and Members of the Dolgellau Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Health Report for the year ended 31st December, 1968.

The Registrar Generals estimate of the mid-year population was 2,630 an increase of 10 compared with the 1967 figure.

There were 40 live births (30 in 1967) giving a live birth rate per 1,000 population of 15.2. There was no stillbirth. One infant died during the first month of life.

34 persons from the Urban area died during the year. Nineteen of these were due to heart disease and strokes and 4 were due to cancer. There was no death from tuberculosis.

The report is generally a very satisfactory one.

I wish to thank all the council members for their courtesy and support.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant.

(signed) H. Francis

District Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

SECTION A.

Area of Dolgellau Urban District 1968 - 1,127 acres
Rateable Value - £70,371
Population (Registrar General's figures) - 2,630
Sum represented by a Penny rate - £262.19.10.
Number of inhabited houses (According to - 870
the Rate Books) at end of year

VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factors -
Births 0.73
Deaths 0.77

BIRTHS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total 40	15	25
Legitimate.	15	25
Illegitimate.. ..	-	-
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population - 15.2		
1967 figures	11.5	
Illegitimate Live Births (per 1,000 population) -		
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>		
Total	nil	nil
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population	-	
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	-	
<u>TOTAL BIRTHS (Live & Still)</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Live - 40 -	15	25
Still - nil -	-	-

DEATHS

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	1	-
Legitimate.	1	-
Illegitimate.. ..	-	-
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births - 25		
1967 figures	- 33	
Deaths of Legitimate Infants Mortality (per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births)	- 25	
Deaths of Illegitimate Infants Mortality (per 1,000 illegitimate Live Births) - nil		
<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	1	-
Legitimate.	1	-
Illegitimate.. ..	-	-

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	1	-
Legitimate.	1	-
Illegitimate.. . . .	-	-

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate -25

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate -25

Perinatal Mortality Rate +25

MATERNAL DEATHS (Including abortion) - nil

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Rate per 1,000
Live Still Births) + nil

1967 figures - nil

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total number 34	15	19
Rate per 1,000 population -12.9		
1967 figures 13.7		

DEATHS FROM CANCER

Total number	2	2
Rate per 1,000 population - 1.52		
1967 figures - 3.05		

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total number	nil
Rate per 1,000 population - nil	
1967 figures - nil	

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

One Medical Officer of Health.
One Public Health Inspector/Surveyor.

(2) Laboratory Facilities

Examination of milk and water samples are carried out at the Public Health Laboratories at Conway and Aberystwyth.

(3) Ambulance Facilities

4 ambulances and one sitting case car stationed at Arran Road, Dolgellau. There are 5 full time drivers employed.

(4) Infant Welfare Clinics

Held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month at Ebenezer (Wesleyan) Chapel Vestry.

(5) Ante Natal Clinics

Held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month at Dolgellau Hospital.

(6) Orthopaedic Clinic

Held at Dolgellau Hospital on the 2nd Thursday in each month. The After-Care clinic is held on the 4th Thursday of each month.

(7) TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC

Held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at Dolgellau Hospital.

(8) IMMUNISATION

Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Polio-myelitis and vaccination against smallpox is carried out in Infant Welfare Centres and in General Practitioners' surgeries.

(9) HOSPITALS

One hospital in Dolgellau.

(10) INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Total number of Infectious diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year:- Nil

Scarlet Fever
Bacillary Dysentery
Whooping Cough
Measles
Infantile Paralysis
Pneumonia

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES

Pulmonary	<u>TOTAL</u>	Nil
	Males	Females
Non-Pulmonary	<u>TOTAL</u>	Nil
	Males	Females

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Pulmonary	<u>TOTAL</u>	Nil
	Males	Females
Non-Pulmonary	<u>TOTAL</u>	Nil
	Males	Females

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and Mortality during 1968 in age groups

Age Periods	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0								
1								
2								
3								
5								
10								
15								
20								
25								
35								
45								
55								
65								
75								
TOTAL								

CAUSES OF DEATH 1968

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.....		
Other Tuberculosis, Incl. Late Effects.....		
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.....		
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach.....	1	-
" " - Lung, Bronchus.....	-	1
" " - Breast.....		
" " - Uterus.....		
Leukaemia.....	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.....	-	1
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms.....	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus.....		
Other Endocrine Et. Diseases.....	-	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.....		
Mental Disorders.....	-	2
Hypertensive Disease.....	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease.....	6	1
Ischaemic Heart Diseases.....	1	4
Other Forms of Heart Disease.....	1	3
Cerebrovascular Disease.....	1	1
Other Diseases of Circulatory System.....		
Influenza.....		4
Pneumonia.....	2	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema.....		
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.....		
Peptic Ulcer.....		
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia.....		
Cirrhosis of Liver.....		
Other Diseases of Digestive System.....		
Nephritis and Nephrosis.....		
Hyperplasia of Prostate.....		
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System.....		
Other Complications of Pregnancy, etc.....		
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System.....		
Congenital Anomalies.....		
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.....	1	-
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality.....		
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions.....		
Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	1	-
All Other Accidents.....	-	1
Suicide and Self Inflicted Injuries.....		
	15	19

FOOD HYGIENE

Food premises were inspected and advice given to food handlers when required.

No. of Prosecutions

NIL

GENERAL

HOUSING

SLUM CLEARANCE

Further progress still has been made during the year in the clearing of certain sub-standard property and I am pleased to report that most of the houses let during the period were to tenants of unfit accommodation. Appropriate Housing Act action was taken in each case.

With the availability of some of the new houses under construction by the Council, further progress has been possible, in this field.

DEVELOPMENT AREAS

The Sarn Road and South Street Redevelopment Scheme, the initial stage of which was commenced in 1963, was proceeded with. Several alternatives have been considered by the Council in connection with this scheme and so far no definite proposal has been decided upon.

COUNCIL HOUSE BUILDING

Progress in this field was made during the year.

The 9 additional houses at Penycaeu were commenced.

OVERCROWDING

There were no cases of legal overcrowding within the district.

PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The demand for housing in the private sector continued.

Further houses were completed at Mount Pleasant, Maesbrith, Maescaled, Penydded and Penbryn. Two additional Police Houses at Penycaeu commenced.

In this connection it is becoming more apparent that due to the continued demand for private housing, realistic consideration of extending the areas allocated within the town plan for residential development will have to be made as sites that are capable of economic development are becoming increasingly scarce.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Seven applications for grants, 4 discretionary and 3 standard, were received and approved during the year.

Four grant aided schemes, two discretionary and one standard, were received and approved but not paid in 1968.

The total number of improvement schemes completed now amount to 76

ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

No clearance areas were declared during the year.

UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

After informal action by local authority...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
After notice under (a) Public Health Act...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	NIL
After notice under (b) Section 9 and 16 Housing Act..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	NIL

HOUSING MANAGEMENT

The Council employ direct labour for the carrying out of maintenance and repairs to Council Houses.

STREET CLEANSING

Cleansing of trunk and classified roads is carried out by the County Highways Authority whilst the unclassified roads are attended to by this Authority. Every opportunity is taken to remind the public of the necessity to keep the Town "litter free" and litter bins have been provided in various parts of the Town.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Conveniences are provided for both sexes at the Cae Marian Recreation Park, and also at the Free Library.

A male and female part-time daily attendants are employed to clean the Public Conveniences. Paper hand towel machines are available at the conveniences.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

There has been no change in the system during the year and the sewer discharges into the sea outfall.

The sewers were regularly inspected and flushed once monthly. Test baiting for rodent infestation was carried out during the year.

Further preliminary work has been carried out by the Council's Consulting Engineers in connection with the preparation of the Comprehensive Dolgellau Sewerage Scheme.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT - MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION AND FOOD HYGIENE

The private slaughterhouse facilities at Arran Road continued to be in considerable use throughout the year. The premises were improved structurally and brought up to a satisfactory condition.

The high quality of the home produced meat was again evident.

The total number of animals slaughtered during the year is as follows:-

CATTLE	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS	TOTAL
23	2	3197	130	3352

INCIDENCE OF DISEASE IN ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED AND INSPECTED

TUBERCULOSIS - There was two cases of tuberculosis in pigs during the year.

DISEASE OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

	<u>Total Killed</u>	<u>Carcasses condemned</u>	<u>Part carcasses or organ condemned</u>	<u>Percentage of animals infected</u>
Sheep ...	3197	-	247	7.7%
Pigs ...	130	-	20	15.3%
Calves ...	2	-	-	-
Cattle ...	23	-	11	47.7%

CARCASSES OR ORGANS CONDEMNED

231 sheep livers and lungs	-	Parasitic
9 sheep heads	-	Parasitic
7 sheep quarters	-	Fractures and bruising
7 pig livers	-	Parasitic
10 pig lungs	-	Pneumonia and congestion
2 pigs heads	-	T.B.
1 pig forequarter	-	fractural
11 ox livers	-	Parasitic

FOOD INSPECTION IN SHOPS

The following food was surrendered and condemned during the year:-

Others	-	69lbs. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.
Canned Meat	-	25lbs. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Canned Fruit	-	395lbs. 2oz.
Canned Milk	-	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ pints
Soups	-	10lbs. 12oz.
Fresh Meat	-	9lbs. 4oz.
Cakes	-	3lbs. 12oz.
Cheese	-	19 pkts. & 1lb.

ICE & CREAM PREMISES

Manufacturing premises - Nil
Number of Retailers - 11

RODENT CONTROL

The Council continue to carry out their obligations under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 and the Rodent Operator is employed part time, being also responsible for the Dolgellau R.D.C. and Barmouth U.D.C.

NUMBER OF PREMISES INSPECTED

PREMISES OTHER THAN SEWERS	<u>TYPE OF PROPERTY</u>	
	<u>NON- AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
1. Number of properties in district	1240	7
2. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	11	
Number infested by (i) Rats	7	
(ii) Mice	4	
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	752	7
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	84	3
(ii) Mice	11	Nil

SEWERS

4. Some infestation of sewers by rats was observed and treated during the year.

WATER SUPPLY

The town's water supply is now completely administered by the Merioneth Water Board.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

No. of premises on Register...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
No. of inspections re. cleanliness	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
No. inspected re. sanitary conditions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Defects found	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Defects remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Public Health Act 1936

Inspection re. nuisance	...	...	25	Disinfectation	...	...	...	1
Drainage	...	...	33	Water Supply	...	...	...	8
Sewerage	...	...	50	Private Water Supply	...	...	...	1
Public Conveniences	...	...	50	Street Cleansing	...	...	...	50
Refuse Collection	...	...	91	Piggeries	...	...	...	7
Rivers and Streams	...	...	20	Vermineous Premises	...	...	...	Nil
New buildings etc.	...	...	77	Infestation	...	...	...	Nil
				Re. Building Byelaws	...	...	...	130
				Dangerous Buildings	...	...	...	Nil

HOUSING

Housing Act 1957, Unfit Houses	-	27
Re. Improvement Grants	-	35
Public Health Act 1936 re. defects	-	21
Rent Act 1957	-	Nil
Re. Council House Repairs	-	142

FOOD AND DRUGS

Fried Fish Shops	8	Bakehouses	9
Greengrocers	27	Grocers	35
Butchers	31	Cafes & Hotels	21
Ice Cream Retailers	15	Food Stalls	-
Dairy	4	Visits to slaughterhouse	158
		Inspections twice annually of Fair Stalls	

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT

No. of premises on the Register	63
No. of visits of all kinds by Inspector to Registered premises	63
Offices	22
Retail Shops	30
Warehouses	2
Catering Establishments	6
Fuel Storage Depots	3

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